

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1065

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A RESOLUTION to name a segment of State Route 111 in Overton County in honor of the late Corporal Brad McCormick, United States Marine Corps.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor the memory of those courageous members of the United States Armed Forces who gave their lives in the defense of our nation; and

WHEREAS, no person is more deserving of this honor than the late Corporal Brad McCormick, United States Marine Corps, who was killed in action on August 19, 2004, while serving as Assistant Patrol Leader with a contact patrol in Al Anbar Province, Iraq; and

WHEREAS, Corporal McCormick followed the patriotic tradition for which Overton County and the Volunteer State are renowned by serving with distinction while attached to the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom as a proud member of Company I, 3rd Battalion, 24th Marines, 4th Marine Regiment; and

WHEREAS, like thousands of others of this nation's sons and daughters, Corporal McCormick did not shrink from serving in combat, believing in the justice of the cause to protect our national security and liberty and to free the Iraqi people; and

WHEREAS, a tremendous leader in the United States Marine Corps, Brad McCormick was also a fine young Christian man who cared deeply for his God; and

WHEREAS, this courageous Marine will be fondly remembered as "one of the finest young men this nation has ever produced" and a "Marine's Marine" by his comrades and superior officers, his friends and neighbors, and his devoted family; and

WHEREAS, Corporal McCormick had been honored with numerous medals and awards in recognition of his dedicated and valiant service to his country, including the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Selected

Marine Corps Reserve Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal; he also received a Certificate of Commendation and a Letter of Appreciation and the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Brad McCormick served with great courage and gallantry, giving his life for his country and for the cause in which he believed, and for that ultimate sacrifice, he deserves proper recognition; as a member of the United States Marine Corps, he proudly continued an essential tradition of American society: the concept of the citizen-soldier; and

WHEREAS, Corporal McCormick's dedication to excellence in the Marine Corps and his love of his family, his fellow Marines and his country, exemplified in his sacrifice of life itself in defense of all that he held dear, stand as enduring examples of all the characteristics that have ensured the continued freedom of our nation and the preservation of its ideals over the course of our history; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly wishes to name a segment of State Route 111 Overton County to permanently commemorate the singular patriotism, courage, and commitment to duty of the late Corporal Brad McCormick, United States Marine Corps; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that the following segment of State Route 111 in Overton County is hereby designated the "Corporal Brad McCormick Memorial Parkway" in recognition of the life of valor and death in combat of Corporal Brad McCormick, United States Marine Corps:

from the southernmost corporate limits of the City of Livingston southward to a point one (1) mile south of such corporate limits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the bridge described in the first resolving clause as the "Corporal Brad McCormick Memorial Parkway". The cost of such signage shall be funded in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, § 54-1-133.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices*.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the Commissioner of Transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appellation "Corporal Brad McCormick Memorial Parkway" provided for in this resolution is for honorary purposes only and nothing contained herein shall be construed as requiring the alteration of any address, or the governmental system for assigning addresses, in any county, municipality or other governmental entity affected by this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that nothing contained in this resolution shall be construed as requiring the alteration of any previously named segment or segments of any highway described in this resolution as the "Corporal Brad McCormick Memorial Parkway".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation.